

Fires Brigade S4 Update
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Indeed, February is the shortest month of the year and for all of us in the Fires Brigade S4 section, we still don't think it went by fast enough. Now some readers out there may not know what the S4 does. To put it simply, the S4 section figures out how to get items or services that Soldiers need and then we get them to the right place at the right time. This is also known as "Logistics" Now of course, with the Army as big as it is, every now and then it takes longer then expected to get everything right every time but that is our goal and we love trying to achieve it.

Speaking of love, most of us relate to the month of February as the month that has the holiday of love "Valentines Day". In our S4 section this special day is still a reminder to emphasize our love for our loves ones but it also reminds us that Capt. Frimml is getting one year older. HHB provided a huge birthday cake and a small celebration that was shared with all Soldiers that had a birthday in February.

Capt. Frimml has had a couple significant events happen to him this month besides his birthday. The first event actually happened late last month, when he found out he was no longer the assistant S4, but now the actual S4. He precedes Maj. Donahue who was moved to help with other needs of the Army. The second event happened when he sat down with the governor of his home state of Wyoming and had dinner right here at Camp Liberty Baghdad.

Not to give a false impression CPT Frimml was not the only one in the section that had significant events happen to him this month. There were other events that happened in the section that are worth mentioning.

Spc. Sicily Eager was lateral appointed to corporal and is now considered a non-commissioned officer. She has been doing a NCO level job for at least the past six months as the assistant for the senior supply sergeant Master Sgt. Shelly Gonsalves. Cpl. Eager will continue to do the same job for the rest of this deployment so this promotion is well deserved. It has also prompted her to spend quite a bit more time studying for the promotion board to become a sergeant.

Cpl. Eager's promotion also prompted another Soldier to spend more time studying for his next level of promotion to Staff Sergeant. Actually, Sgt. Kurt Gullens has been studying with her as a team effort for both to succeed. He was also given the Commanding General's coin this month as award for his hard work during pre-deployment. The general recognized him for his hard work because he spent several additional hours each day going to and helping several of our brigade units and other staff sections to ensure all of us were prepared to deploy.

What next month will bring is not exactly known right now. What we do know is that it will be another busy and productive one as we, the S4 section, will do what we love to do. To get supplies to the right place at the right time, and to the people who need them.

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